

MINUTES
UTAH
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS
MEETING

DEC 20, 2007

ROOM 474– 8:15 A.M.
Heber Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

CONVENED: 8:22 a.m.

ADJOURNED: 11:09 a.m.

Bureau Manager:
Board Secretary:

Diana Baker
Penny Vogeler

Board Members Present:

Dan Crouse, Chairman
Jeffery Paul Clark
Kristen Ries, MD
Larry Reimer, MD
Maria K. Skedros, Public Member
Gordon Day

Board Members Absent:

Wain Allen

Guests:

Bob Bunnell

DOPL Staff Present:

F. David Stanley, Division Director

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:
MINUTES:

Sign Voucher
Approval of Sept 20, 2007

Minutes were approved with corrections. All Board members in favor.

Swearing in of new Board Member

Ms. Baker swore in Maria Skedros as a new member of the Physician Assistant Board. The Board welcomed Ms. Skedros. Ms. Baker assigned Dr. Reis as a mentor for Ms. Skedros.

APPOINTMENTS

BOARD INTERVIEWS:
Darron Smith

Mr. Crouse conducted the interview with Mr. Smith. Mr. Smith has not been working in the private sector as a PA, but has been practicing part time with the National Guard. He is also going to school and

working for a pharmaceutical company. He submitted a letter to the Board requesting termination of probation. The Army cannot credential him with a probationary license, and his unit has received tentative order to go to Kuwait. He was not sure if the probation would delay his deployment or end it. He was asked if his deployment would be effected by the decision of this Board. The Board questioned how it got to this point with the credentialing so late in the decision making. The Board did have concerns as to his probation and his request. A motion was made by Dr. Clark to terminate his probation if he is deployed with an amendment. That motion was later withdrawn. Darron is the only medical personnel being deployed with his unit. He feels he has done what the Board has asked him to do. Darron placed a call to Dr. Zeluff to clear up an issue the Board had with the decision the Board is being asked to make today. Mr. Smith left the meeting to try to make contact with Dr. Zeluff. This contact was not made. The Board feels Darron's competency is not an issue and his expertise is needed in the military. A motion was made and seconded to terminate probation. A vote was taken with four members in favor and Dr. Reimer and Mr. Crouse opposed.

Elmer Sisneros:

Mr. Sisneros was interviewed by Mr. Day. He discussed the fact that he is in compliance at this time. He has not completed his ethics course and is asking the Board for an extension. The Board feels this is an important issue that needs to be completed. He is paying legal fees at this time and the course is expensive. He was encouraged to complete this as soon as possible. A motion was made by Mr. Day and seconded to grant the extension until April 30, 2008. A vote was taken. Motion carried. Mr. Sisneros has a meeting scheduled with Blue Cross with regards to termination of his contract with them. Mr. Sisneros was concerned about the Division reporting to the National Practitioner Data Bank that his violation was sexual misconduct. He discussed a letter from Ms. Baker referring to his relationship with the patient involved. He feels this decision was unfair. Ms. Baker stated the only change that could be made would be to change it to read unprofessional conduct of a sexual nature. She did not feel this would make any difference to how Blue Cross Blue Shield would

look at it. Mr. Sisneros addressed Mr. Stanley in regards to the term defensive being in his letter. He stated he is only defending his livelihood. He feels the way this was reported will probably cost him his whole career. He stated his attorney has looked into other cases of sexual misconduct and they were not reported as such. He feels there is not a system in place to deal with these types of circumstances fairly.

It was explained to Mr. Sisneros that the terminology was taken from his stipulation by someone working with these matters for the past twenty years. Ms. Baker stated this person takes the information from the order and Ms. Baker trusts her judgment. It was also explained that the reporting system for the National Practitioner Data base provides a “drop-down” menu and terms are selected from this menu.

Mr. Sisneros is **not in compliance** with the terms and conditions of his Order.

New Application
Dana Weller:

Ms. Baker discussed Ms. Weller’s application with the Board. Ms. Weller completed her education 10 years ago and has never practiced as a PA. Ms. Weller stated she graduated and moved to Hawaii and practiced as an electrologist. She married in Hawaii and has recently moved to Utah. She has stayed current on her CE. She wants her PA license to do laser surgery in Utah. She has maintained her NCCPA certification. A motion was made by Dr. Clark and seconded by Ms. Skedros to **approve the license**. Motion carried.

Hansel Rayner:

Mr. Rayner was interviewed by Dr. Reimer. Mr. Rayner surrendered his license in the state of Iowa. He applied for a reinstatement and has now received an unencumbered license in Iowa. He attended law school for three years and in 2006 he volunteered unlicensed with a physician in Arizona, and he provided a letter of recommendation from that physician. In 2006, he was denied licensure in Arizona due to the fact that he had a surrendered license. He practiced in Kansas in 2001. He has purchased a home in Logan and he has discussed practicing with several physicians. He wants to practice insulin management and possibly orthopedics. He has a recently taken the NCCPA exam and is currently

certified. He submitted verification of 54 hours CE hours. It was suggested he look into more CE other than Medscape. Dr. Reimer stated his documentation is in order. A motion was made by Dr. Reis and seconded by Dr. Day to approve both licenses. A vote was taken as to issue the license for Mr. Reiner. The results were 4 in favor and Ms. Skedros and Dr. Clark opposed. Motion carried. Ms. Baker will contact the physician he worked with in Arizona and get validation of his reference.

Additional PA Dr. Schickwan

The University of Utah is requesting an additional PA for Dr. Shickwan. After some discussion with the Boar, a motion was made by Dr. Clark to approve an additional physician assistant for a period of 6 months. Seconded by Dr. Reimer. Motion carried.

Christina Gallop/ Fourth Street Clinic

A request was made for an additional part time PA for the St. Vincent's facility. This is for the over flow from Fourth Street Clinic for the winter months. This would only be needed until about March of 2008 and only a few hours a week. A Motion was made and seconded to approve this request. Motion carried.

ADJOURN: 11:09

Motion to adjourn by Dr. Reimer

NEXT MEETING: MARCH 20, 2008

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.

3-20-2008
Date Approved

(ss) Dan Crous
Chairperson, Physician Assistant Licensing Board

3-20-2008
Date Approved

(ss) Noel Taxin
Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational & Professional
Licensing